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REMARKS

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Claims 1-10 are pending in the present application. Claims 11-18 have been withdrawn.

One February 24, 2004 the Examiner issued an Office Action that required Applicant to elect Species I, Figures 1-6; Species II, Figures 7-8 or Species III, Figures 9-10.

Applicant elects Species I, Figures 1-6 without traverse. Claims 1-10 are elected without traverse. Claims 1 and 5 are generic to all three species. Claims 2-4 and 6-8 are generic to Species I and II. Claims 9-10 are directed toward Species I.

CONCLUSION

Having elected Species I, Applicant hereby requests examination on the merits.

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